



Shanterville Methodist Church

The Methodist Episcopal Church South of Shanterville was first organized in 1850. The Rev. Wixon preached the first sermon. Before the division of the Methodist Church in 1844 into Northern and Southern branches, the Methodists had no organization at this place, but the Shanterville organization then belonged to the Levelton Circuit.

The land for the church was given by William H. and Elizabeth V. Gress. The deed - June 19, 1850, between William H. Gress to Josiah C. Lowry, Sr., Geo. J. Lowry, Jr., Mary Wren and Mrs. Barlow, one lot in Shanterville in trust to be used for a place of worship and the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

This Methodist Church was planned by Mr. Sam Turk, an attorney, living in Shanterville at that time.

Henry Overholt, Albert Sharp, and Wesley Lowenkamp were the carpenters. Many people gave a few days work that they could do of paying their part.

At first the Methodists worshipped in the Court House. A small academy was built in 1852, that was used as a church until 1854, by the Methodists of all branches, Episcopals, and Presbyterians. The Presbyterian Church afterwards became a separate organization worshipped, but differences arose which led to the building of a separate church.

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